

# GRAUSTARK

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"Winter 1906" (1965A); "Fall 1901" (1965L)

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1965A

## GERMANY CALLS UP HOME GUARD FOR LAST-DITCH STRIKE

As was reported last week to 1965A players, the following establishments of new units were made in "Winter 1906":

GERMANY: A Kiel.

TURKEY: A Constantinople.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1965.

## THE TACTICS OF DIPLOMACY - III

(concluding installment)

by Allan B. Calhoun

Austria-Hungary normally agrees with Germany that each will stay away from the other's frontiers. They also normally agree that neither shall make Bohemia or Silesia. If these two Powers fight early in the game, both are likely to be taken in the rear and destroyed. Austria has a difficult game at the outset, but if she gets off to a good start she often gets a strong game. Usually she will play a Red-Ger in the Spring of 1901. This place may attack Russia, Bulgaria, or Greece in the Fall, without fear of failing to be in a supply center in the Fall, and if she gets a stand-off she will stop the growth of another Power. There is a variety of ways of playing the other two pieces. Often the Black goes to Albania and the Vienna Army goes to Trieste. This permits F Alb-Gre with support from Serbia in the Fall. If Italy and Russia have not invaded in the North, Austria will raise two armies and get a good game. If the Russian Warsaw Army has invaded Galicia, the Trieste Army may be ordered to either Vienna or Budapest, leaving the other open, and hoping to outguess the Russians. Shading one's guess can become psychologically and technically a deep proposition.

If Austria suspects that Italy will attack Tyrolia, she may order a Yellow, F Tri holder. Now if the Russians

1965L

## RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE SWEEPS THROUGH SCANDINAVIA

ENGLAND: A Wal holder; F North Sea-Bel; F Eng & F North-Sea Bel.

FRANCE: F Mid-Port; A Spa & A Pic hold.

GERMANY: A Kle-Den; A Rh-Bel; F Hol S & Rh-Bel.

ITALY: A App-Tun; F Ion & A App-Tun; a Ven holder.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tri holder; F Alb-Gre; A Ger & F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA: F Bot-Swe; A St-P-Norway; F Sev-Rus; A Ukr & F Sev-Rus.

TURKEY: A Bal-Rus; A Con-Say; F Ank-Bla.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, (3)

FRANCE: Brest, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain, (5)

GERMANY: Berlin, Denmark, Holland, Kiel, Munich, (5)

ITALY: Naples, Rome, Tunis, Venice, (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Budapest, Greece, Serbia, Trieste, Vienna, (5)

RUSSIA: Moscow, Norway, Rumania, St. Petersburg, Sebastopol, Sweden, Warsaw, (7)

TURKEY: Bulgaria, Ankara, Constantinople, Smyrna, (4)

During "Winter 1901" Russia may establish 3 new units; France, Germany, and Austria-Hungary may each establish 2 new units; and Italy and Turkey may each establish 1 new unit. The deadline for the establishment of these units is SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 1965. However, if all players air-mail in their establishment orders quickly, they will be published earlier - hopefully in GRAUSTARK #63, due to be published on Labor Day.

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1965L

## PRESS RELEASES

**TIRANA:** Let it be known that the Austrian fleet in Albania is merely passing through; we have nothing against Albania. However, the Greeks recently murdered Count Johann Holzer who was visiting Athens. We shall occupy their enemy country and show them who's boss. (Austria, of course.)

**SARAJEVO:** Count Boris Borcovic, an Austro-Hungarian of Russian ancestry, and commander of the Austrian Army in Serbia, announced that the Serbian government and people will be left intact as long as they pay Austria the tribute she demands and deserves. He pointed out that either way he would get what Austria needed.

**VIENNA:** Emperor Franz Josef announced that he is all for peace with Russia as long as Russia is satisfied with Rumania and leaves the rest of the Balkans to Austria-Hungary. He also warned that any assistance for the Turks, whom he referred to as "Hosston savages", would also result in war. He further demanded that the Turks withdraw from Bulgaria.

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**CHICAGO:** Hungarian scouts in Galicia have been observing the Russian army in the Ukraine fearfully. It is logical that that army will try for Rumania and not Galicia, but who knows?

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I Inflame  
O Optic  
N Nerves

**BONNEN:** Rumanian scouts were happy to hear the news that the non-aggression pact with Germany had been cleared, and were glad to see the German army in Munich move to the Ruhr. Tyrolia, Munich, and Bremen form the largest undefended international border on the continent of Europe.

**BUDAPEST (April 1, 1901):** There was a "vamp. re" scare this past week in the city. It was rumored that the infamous and inevitable Count Bela Begerubov was loose, but when the warden of the Budapest City Vampire and Werewolf Cael assured the city-dwellers that Begerubov was still in captivity and showed a picture taken that day, the scare subsided.

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**TYROLIA:** Hot-dog vendors and moonshiners in this beautiful province are heart-broken. Since the German Army in Munich, to which they had been selling their booze and dogs at outrageous prices, moved to the Ruhr, they have all gone bankrupt. It would seem logical that they could sell their candy products to the Italian army in Venice, but he recently discovered why not - Victor Emmanuel has forbidden it, and placed outrageous fines and penalties on anyone caught with the stuff. Oh, Vie, come on!

**CONSTANTINOPLE:** Turkey declares war on Rumania! "Big Brother" decided today that with Russia, Austria-Hungary, and Italy all converging on the Balkans, that Turkey wants half of the "pie": Bulgaria and Rumania. "Why doesn't Austria fight Russia and Italy," "Big Brother" asks, "and leave poor Turkey alone?"

**BERLIN (28 May 1901, Reuters):** Upon the occasion of a state visit to Karlsruhe, a massing of troops and columns with a review of the Second Army by the Imperial Kaiser, Wilhelm II, was held amid impressive, almost pagan, ceremony.

Highly praising the virile troops assembled in full battle regalia, the Emperor stated: "There need be no hesitation or faltering on the part of so splendidly equipped and officered an Army - Belgium is yours! There need be no fear of depredations from the West," continued the Kaiser, brandishing his withered arm in defiance, "your right flank at Elol is securely held by your comrades-in-arms of the heroic First Army, and soon a brave new army, the Third, will arise fully battle-trained in Munich to protect your left."

"And meanwhile, glory in the magnificent deeds of your brothers in the Grand Fleet who have rescued the Hollanders from the threat of invasion by England. With such an example before you, you cannot fail in your glorious mission to similarly rescue Belgium from the decadent French."

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## THE FACTORS OF OVERHAUNT - III

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invade Galicia, the Austrian Army which is still in Vienna (due to a stand-off in Tyrolia) and the Army which moved into the Spring, may both be ordered to attack Budapest. They stand each other off, which keeps the German Army in place, so that Austria may build after the move; they also keep the Russian Army in Galicia out of both Vienna and Budapest. Austria has substantially no chance of capturing Greece, however, if she elects these Spring moves. Also, if Italy does not attack Tyrolia, the Vienna Army unexpectedly slides into this province, after which it is out of position to make the full stand-off in Budapest. Thus, if the German Army is ordered back to Budapest in the fall to keep the Russians out, it may unexpectedly move there, and Berlin will not be occupied after the fall move. Thus Austria cannot raise a new unit.

A solution to this dilemma is for Germany and Austria to agree both to attack Tyrolia in the Spring. They stand each other off, neither moves out of position, and Italy is kept out of Central Europe entirely. If Germany and Austria agree to do this, they should notify Italy during the first diplomatic period. Italy will be more likely to choose an anti-French deployment if she knows that the roads to both Germany and Austria are blocked.

A normal French deployment is F. B. 100, A. F. 100, I. M. 100. If England has not played F. 100, the French Fleet proceeds in the Fall to Portugal, in Army to ordered Mar-Spa. If Italy has entered Piedmont, the order is A. B. 100. Generally France would like to prevent a German thrust into Germany, which ties most of the French pieces down to defense of supply centers. If France makes an anti-Italian development, she may play the above Spring 1902 move, or else A. Mar-Spa. On the Fall move, the Spain Army occupies Portugal, and the Fleet moves Mar-Spa (South Coast). If Italy did not move to Piedmont in the Spring, the Germany Army must be told off to go to Marseilles. If the result is a stand-off, again a Fleet may be raised there, but if the result is a move to Marseilles, raising a new unit there is not alluring.

There are other interesting first move developments which arise from this to him, and choosing among early developments is often based on positional considerations which flower later in the game. Strategy is still evolving, too, because no idea cannot be anticipated and adapted to in a subsequent game. In any case, diplomatic considerations can override the technical. Alliances sometimes hold together in situations in which neither ally is adequately defended against the other, based technical alliances founded on distrust, or are pulled apart by false allies or tempting offers from the outside. A country that has "lost the diplomacy" and finds itself fighting superior numbers can rely on tactics only to delay the issue while it tries to save itself diplomatically.

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Similar symbols are used for HURRICANE, the Bulletin of Postal Diplomacy for 1906, which is also published by John Gordon at the same subscription rate as CRABSTICK. The next issue of HURRICANE, #2, should appear around the middle of September. It - I should be the Spring, Fall, and Winter moves of what has proved to be the latest postal diplomacy game ever played.

The next issue of HURRICANE,



## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

**JOHN SMITH, 833 1/2 Forrest Ave., Evanston, Illinois:** The proposed method for measuring the "skill" of postal Diplomacy players seems altogether too complicated. If a measure of "skill" is desired, why not make the measure simple? An example: Give 1 point for every supply center controlled at the end of the game. Subtract 1/3 point for every spring or fall move missed. Subtract 1/3 point for every year the game continues after the winter move in which a player loses his last supply center. Finally, take the sum and divide it by the number of games entered....

With this system you can adjust for resignations as follows: If a player resigns and no replacement is found, 1/3 of a point will be subtracted from the resignor's accumulated score for every spring and fall move missed. When the resignor's country is removed, in lieu of the 1/3 point deduction, the 1/3 point deduction will be made for every game year thereafter until the game is completed. The same adjustment can also be used for people who do not resign but permit their charge to wither from lack of interest.

((This seems to be simply an application of the rules of the previous paragraph to the case of a resignor or defaulter.))

Now that I look over my proposal it seems too complicated also. But it is flexible and permits an individual to be scored on a basis other than "how many games has he entered" etc.

((Under this scoring plan, players in the completed games of 1963, 1964, and 1965 would be scored as follows:))

James MacKenzie	10.07	James Goldman	2.67	James Thomas	- 1.33
Derek Nelson	12.83	John McCallum	1.00	Dave McDaniel	- 1.50
John Bryson	8.33	Phil Castore	0.00	Fred Lerner	- 1.67
Robert Lake	8.33	John Koning	- 0.33	Dick Schmitz	- 2.67
Don Swannep	4.00	Bill Christian	- 1.00		
John Davey	3.33	Smart Koschor	- 1.17		

In this system, what should be done about such a situation as exists in 1965, where Allan Callender played Germany for ten game years, leaving her with 11 supply centers and a poor situation as the result of an ill-timed double-cross of an ally. Roland Traudiker has taken over Germany, and is now fighting a losing but far-drawn-out resistance. If Germany is eliminated from this game, how should the points, as lack of them, be apportioned between Callender and Traudiker? Also, how should these games be scored by your system?))

**FRANK CLARK, 3506 Fiske Place, Alexandria, Va. 22312:** It is quite obvious that there is considerable sentiment of some sort of tournament rating for postal Diplomacy players, particularly now. Three games have been presented. Certain principles are emerging or need to be considered themselves:

1. That only completed postal games be tallied.
2. That the winner get prime score for his game.
3. That other survivors be rewarded in proportion to pieces remaining.
4. That those who resign for uncontrollable cause be penalized only slightly.

5. That those who default be penalized more heavily.

6. That those who are forced out be penalized at a rate between the foregoing extremes.

Conceptually then, the ranking could be organized in the following manner: Winner 1 point for each piece remaining at end of game, plus two points for each player forced out of the game.

Survivors 1 point for each piece remaining at end of game.

Losses 1 piece forced out of game 1 penalized 2 points.

Resigners 100 Capital penalized 1 point.

Defaulters penalized 3 points.

Obviously, when the resign just before being forced out of a game automatically makes a difference.

If further suggestions are requested from the players, eventually a system will be worked out and the voters the players for their approval.]]



During January games the following results. The first figure is taken directly from his ledger, and the second dividing the first figure by the number of games played. Lack of a definition for "defender" in precise terms has led to no 3-point penalties being assessed.

Nelson	30	15	Derry	4	4	Kelley	-2	-1
MacKenzie	20	20	McCallum	1	1	Schultz	-2	-1
Guyton	17	8 1/2	Thomas	1	1	Christians	-2	-2
Leake	7	7	Kushner	0	0	McDaniel	-2	-2 1/2
Goldman	7	3 1/2	Larner	0	0			
Swanson	4	4	Gastara	-1	-1			

#### PRESS RELEASES

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The Kaiser's statement concerning the First Army reveals to this correspondent what must be in his mind as to the grand strategic plans of the German General Staff of the High Command. For it developed later that the First Army did not hold the flank at Riga but instead treacherously assailed the hapless Danes.

#### Lipsa's Intelligence Estimates

BERLIN (18 August 1901, Rothschild's Wire Service): General European war about to begin? Many signs, in addition to the recent Black Sea clash between Russian and Turkish naval patrols, appear to point to such a conclusion. There is general mobilization throughout the major powers of Europe and Asia Minor. Armaments are at an all-time high - Holland, Serbia, Bulgaria, Albania, and Spain have already fallen to possible contestants. Now is probably the time to buy munitions stocks, increase maritime insurance, and salt away bank accounts in Switzerland.

Other indicators continue to come to the notice of our wide-ranging network of intelligence operatives. Naval maneuvers currently reveal threats to other minor powers - Portugal, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Greece, Tunisia. The winter of 1901 should bring a situation of such increased strength for all the major powers of Europe (including Turkey) that a very minor spark indeed could touch off a general conflagration. What will be the spark? A naval "incident" off Morocco? A "hunting accident" at Constantinople? A minor matter of civility lost to an "assassin's" bullet, say at Sanjefo? A man's hat blowing off his head in Malaya?

Even without these possible spark incidents, direct confrontations could be building up in certain corners of Europe. Is Italy in a rage for Greece with Austria-Hungary? Or with Turkey? Also, is Germany raising Russia to Sweden? Or against England to Norway? And the Schlesien headed for Prussia? Will the Ruhr army be conveyed to Yorkshire? Or turn to Belgium for to Burgundy? Any such conflict could precipitate war, in the view of our Independent Intelligence Analysis of Europe.

Briefer Notes: Frenchmen are torn between defense of the homeland and the siren call to spread French culture in Iberia. Germans cry "Gett mit uns", and He had better protect the Eastern Front, because they can't. Still, the Bloody Boche are at it again - Holland, and possibly Belgium and Denmark have fallen to the hot-blooded heath. In this hesitant summer period, Russia is split wide open. The Italians could have been in Marseilles this winter, if they had been smarter. The Turks have proven they are no open-water sailors, but maybe they can beat the Lusitanians? The English dogs may wind up supporting the strongest, not, as by tradition, the second strongest power in Europe. To cover all bets, they are moving North, South, East and West all at once.

Strangling alliances? Italy and Austria-Hungary both heading south - to cooperate or clash? Russia and Turkey to divide the Balkans? Germany and England to divide France? Or Germany and France to mount an invasion of England? Are Russia and Germany building or falling? Which neutral is about to go down first by his second carrier's fire? Will the Berlin-Baghdad railway be built?



Who is the Lone Wolf of Europe?

The winter snows will see many changes to the map of Europe.

Charles Wells (Department of Mathematics, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio 44106) announces the foundation of a new postal Diplomacy bulletin, Lone Wolf Mountain. Publication will begin next month. Would-be players and subscribers should write Dr. Wells for further details.

The Grand Furdick Gazette is a one-shot account of a Diplomacy game played among Ian Atkins (France), Ian Collins (Italy), Al Scott (Germany), and Charles Wells (England) at Scott's residence on 12 July 1965. A move-by-move account of the game is included, with strategic analysis and press releases. Beginning players will find this publication of particular interest. The game ended after "Fall 1964" when England and France agreed to a draw. The Gazette lists no prices or charges to which to add for a copy, but you might try asking Dr. Wells or Al Scott, 2506 Shearwater Drive, Charlotte, N. C.

Diplomacy bulletins, including the above-mentioned one, are usually named after fictional countries. However, Robert Adams, who plays Russia in 1965WT, is the first to have an address taken from fiction. He lives on Marjalea Court in Lafayette, California - "Marjalea" is the name of a coastal district of Balarna in Michael Crichton's novel Wolf of the Unicorn.

A forthcoming issue of Lone Wolf Mountain (20 issues for \$1; \$2 to enter a game) will describe a new game, Parliament. The scene of the maneuvering for this game is a multi-party Parliament, in which each player is a party leader.

During the next week, the Commissioner will publish the 9th issue of his science-fiction and fantasy fanzine, KNOWABLE. This issue includes an article on weirdness, an expose of attempts to find "scientific support for racism," two more chapters in a round robin story, and a continuing discussion in the letter column on anthropology and archaeology. KNOWABLE is 5 issues for \$1.00.

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